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LIMDIS FOR WORTZEL FROM EAGLEBURGER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OTRA, MASS, YO

SUBJECT: SECDEF VISIT

1. I MET BRIEFLY WITH SECDEF TODAY RE UPCOMING VISIT. I
TOLD HIM THAT I THOUGHT TWO MAIN ELEMENTS OF HIS VISIT
SHOULD BE:

A) TO BEGIN PUTTING MEAT ON THE BONES OF THE NEW PRESI-
DENTIAL DETERMINATION, E.G., AN INITIAL ATTEMPT AT DES-
CRIBING THE PARAMETERS OF THE POLICY, STARTING TOWARD A
DESCRIPTION OF WHAT SYSTEMS ARE POSSIBLE AND WHAT ARE
NOT. I POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WOULD BE SUB-
STANTIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR FURTHER DEFINITION THROUGH THE
CEMALOVIC AND OTHER VISITS.

B) TO CLEAR AWAY THE UNDERBRUSH BY MOVING ON PENDING ITEMS
SUCH AS M-44 TORPEDOES.

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2. I EMPHASIZED THAT I HAD NOT HAD TIME TO THINK THROUGH
MUCH BEYOND THE ABOVE, BUT THAT I WAS SURE THE EMBASSY
WOULD HAVE FURTHER THOUGHTS. I ALSO SAID THAT STATE AND
DOD SHOULD DEAL DIRECTLY WITH YOU ON BOTH SUBSTANTIVE
AND PROCEDURAL ASPECTS OF THE VISIT; THAT I WILL KEEP MY-
SELF INFORMED OF WHAT IS GOING ON, AND COMMENT AS

NECESSARY, BUT THAT YOU WOULD BE RECEIVING THINGS FROM THERE.

3. I WARNED ABOUT PREMATURE PUBLICITY ON THE POLICY AND WEAPONS THAT MIGHT DERIVE THEREFROM, BUT IT IS SOMETHING YOU MAY WANT TO REENFORCE IN YOUR OWN COMMUNICATIONS.

4. STATE AND DEFENSE WILL NOW BE WORKING ON DEVELOPING THE SPECIFICS OF WHAT THE NEW PD ENCOMPASSES, SO THAT BROWN WILL HAVE AS MUCH IN THE WAY OF SPECIFICS AS POSSIBLE TO BRING WITH HIM. THE TWO DEPARTMENTS WILL ALSO BE COMING TO YOU WITH GUIDANCE ON DETAILS OF THE VISIT. BUT I HOPE THAT YOU, PALMER AND ROCHE CAN PUT YOUR HEADS TOGETHER AND GIVE WASHINGTON THOUGHTS ON CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK AND THE DETAILS OF BOTH THE POLICY AND THE VISIT.

5. FYI: BROWN WOULD PREFER TO KEEP PROTOCOLARY ASPECTS OF THE VISIT TO THE MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TO THE YUGOSLAVS.

6. LET ME KNOW WHERE I CAN BE HELPFUL. CHRISTOPHER

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